

## *The Christian fights immorality*

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**Introduction:** The consequences of sin are rarely understood up front.

A. Satan is known for his deception and lies. **(Rev 12:9; Jn 8:44-45)**

1. Satan also does not want you to know where he and his followers are going.

**(Rev 20:10)**

2. Those who do not seek wisdom will fall for the easy short-term pleasure of sin.

a. They think that nothing will happen to them! **(Job 24:15,17)**

b. In this they are deceived too. **(Titus 3:3)**

B. How many of you know that adultery is wrong?

1. While we may “know” what is right Satan is capturing and destroying many within the church. (Ex. Recent studies and reports. It is common!)

2. We need to stop being overconfident and understand the danger and God’s provisions for us. **(1 Cor 10:12-13)**

3. We need to know that there are different kinds of adultery!

### ***I. Adultery involves a breaking of the trust underlying a relationship***

A. The great blessing of marriage lies in the mutual trust and care that a husband and wife has for each other. This is expressed in your marriage vows. **(Mal 2:14)**

1. What a blessing to be with one who you can trust! **(Prov 31:10-12)**

2. Companionship must have this honesty or it will fail! What was in your marriage vows?

“**Sue**, Do you take **John** to be your wedded husband, promising before God, with your friends as witnesses, that you will be to him a faithful, loving and devoted wife; that you will honor him and love him, and remain with him in sickness and in health, in prosperity and adversity, and forsaking all others keep yourself to him, and to him only as long as you both shall live?”

3. When a marriage no longer has this trust there will be bitterness and pain!

B. God uses the marriage relationship to show our relationship to Him.

1. When we forget God and give our hearts to sin it is called adultery.

**(Jer 3:8-10; 5:7-9)**

2. God has been trustworthy and abounding in goodness to us. How have we responded to Him?

3. When one refuses to repent and be honest with God then in time they will develop a character of lies and deceit. **(Jer 9:2-9)**

4. How many times have you been lied to? Do you want to be the companion of a liar? Our young need to understand this!

5. If Satan can have us compromise our honesty then he will have us! **(Heb 3:13)**

### ***II. Physical adultery involves an emphasis on the flesh***

A. Our society exalts and glorifies this. **(1 Jn 2:15-17)**

1. Young people are taught by their peers to laugh and rejoice in the “conquest” of another.

2. Many consider others as “throw-away” people in sexual sins. **(2 Sam 13:12-15)**

3. Those who walk this path often think of themselves as “trash.”

B. Some allow thoughts of “romance” to cause them to surrender their character.

1. There is only one kind of love that will last. It is the holy love of God.

**(1 Cor 13:4-7)**

2. I have seen adults with children get caught up in this deceitful infatuation with another and forsake their husband by covenant.

3. In time the heart will be hardened and they will deny any sin. **(Prov 30:20)**

4. It was in this same spirit that the idolaters of old sacrificed their children to Molech.

5. One can lose control of their heart to the powerful thoughts of lust and infatuation. It is as powerful as drugs.

### ***III. Adultery has terrible consequences***

A. God will repay all adulterers. **(Psa 50:18-23)**

B. You set in motion a hurt and bitterness that is hard to imagine. **(Prov 6:26-32)**

C. You will suffer the terrible consequences of divorce. **(Mt 19:9)**

1. **More divorce** - a very high percentage of second marriages fail. Why?

a. If a person can brazenly break one covenant, then why not two?

**(Mal 2:16,14)**

b. It is not uncommon for an adulterer who destroyed the marriage to have several live-ins.

2. **A Scarred life** - Divorce is worse than death. The memory is always there.

3. **Consequences with the children**

a. There are scars with the children. They often blame themselves.

b. There is constant trouble. Who are they to visit? They are pressed to choose sides. Discipline in the home may not be there.

c. There are powerful lessons taught by example. **(Prov 22:6)**

i. Where do children learn about marriage?

ii. What do they learn about: honesty, violence, relationships, trust, forgiveness?

iii. Often we see how a divorce may affect generations. **(Num 14:18)**

4. **It affects the church.**

a. There is great pain and discouragement shared by brothers in Christ.

b. When things are not right in a marriage it affects ones spiritual life.

**(1 Pt 3:7)**

c. One should not leave the church over their sin but rather repent and find God's comfort. This involves other Christians. **(2 Cor 1:3-5)**

D. You may spend an eternity in hell. **(Rev 22:14-15; Mt 5:32)**

1. When one breaks a command of God they have a heart that is not right with God.

2. Often repentance never comes and the heart is hardened. **(Eph 4:18-19)**

3. One who is divorced and has no right to remarry will likely form an adulterous marriage. This is called "living in adultery." **(Col 3:5-7)**

**Conclusion:** Our God will forgive all who repent.

A. The message of Hosea tells us this. **(Hosea 1:2; 14:1-2)**

B. There are other consequences of sin that will remain in this life.